GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, PR Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.518 **Dated:16.05.2018**

Read the following:

1. From the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vigilance Report No.29(C.No.40-8/V&E/E/2015), dated:05.05.2017.
2. G.O.Ms.No.50 Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Vig.II) Department, dated:16.05.2018.

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the G.O. 2nd read above under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule-9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired is directed to submit his written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the order/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte, based on the material available on record.

6. Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it

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will be presumed that Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged forthwith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DR. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa District and now retired **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve and return the acknowledged copy and Written Statement of Defense).

Copy to:

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Administrative Block, 2nd floor , Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, first floor, Secretariat Buildings, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
S.f./S.c.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE-1

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.VEERANNA, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.R. DIVISION, JAMMALAMADUGU, Y.S.R.DIST. AND NOW RETIRED.

CHARGE:

That Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. District and now retired has committed grave irregularities in execution of the project for Comprehensive development of SC/ST Colonies under MGNREGS in YSR Kadapa Dist. for "providing internal Roads with CC drains in Kondapuram SC colony of Kondapuram Mandal" causing loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.13,30,718/-, in as much as he

i. Allowed payment without ascertaining the quality of work executed resulting in substandard quality of work ultimately causing loss of Rs.13,30,718/- to the Government exchequer. Allowed laying of CC pavement without obtaining mix design report from the agency and approval from the competent authority.
ii. Has not check-measured the work as per guidelines of APPW account code.
iii. Issued proceedings changing grade of concrete from M30 to M20 for CC pavement after execution to safeguard the erring officials, though not having competency.

Thus, Sri B.Veeranna, the then Executive Engnieer, P.R. Division, Jammalamadugu, Y.S.R. Kadapa Dist. and now retired by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, has not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant, in contravention of Rule – 3 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.VEERANNA, THE THEN EE., P.R. DIVISION, JAMMALAMADUGU, Y.S.R.DIST. AND NOW RETIRED.

The Vigilance & Enforcement Department has inspected the work "Providing CC Roads and Drains in Kondapuram SC colony of Kondapuram Mandal in YSR Kadapa District", and furnished their Vigilance Report No.29 (40-8/V&E/E/2015), dated:05.05.2017. They have reported the following irregularities observed during their inspection:-

i. Sub grade soil exploration was not conducted and the crust of the pavement was neither designed nor approved. The 125mm thickness of CC pavement provided in the approved estimate is insufficient as per table 5 of IRC SP 62 – 2004, but sub base thickness provided is more than the required.
ii. Gravel Shoulders of 0.75m width provided on both sides of carriage way were not executed, resulting in roadway of 3.00m and crossing of the vehicles is impossible.
iii The Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer have not check measured work as per guidelines of APPW Account Code.
iv. The CC pavement was laid without obtaining the mix design report from agency and without obtaining approval from the competent authority.
v. The compressive strength of CC pavement and CC drain was tested by extracting 21 CC cores from hardened concrete and found that the strength obtained is not satisfying the strength requirement as per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456-2000. The rejected value of CC Pavement and CC drain due to substandard quality is Rs.13,30,718/-. Relaying of rejected CC pavement and CC drain should be made with the cost of the then Sarpanch, Kondapuram Gram Panchayat of Kondapuram Mandal.
vi. Executive Engineer (PR), Jammalamadugu had issued proceedings vide reference R.C. No. TO/MGNREGS GO 389/JMD/2013 Dt. 14.04.2013 changing grade of concrete from M30 to M20 for CC pavement after execution of work and making payment, even though he is not competent to change the specification in the estimate which was sanctioned by Chief Engineer, MGNREGS (PR)
vii. The work was not completed in all respects as on 19.12.2016 and there was a huge unspent balance in the sanctioned estimate. No action was initiated by the field staff to complete the work in full shape.

Sri B. Veeranna, Executive Engineer, PR is responsible for the above irregularities.

Thus, the above Government servant has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and acted for his personal gain and caused loss to the Government, to a tune of Rs.13,30,718/- in contravention of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE -III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.VEERANNA, THE THEN EE., P.R. DIVISION, JAMMALAMADUGU, Y.S.R.DIST. AND NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

Vigilance Report No.29 (C.No.40-8/V&E/E/2015) dated:05.05.2017

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.VEERANNA, THE THEN EE., P.R. DIVISION, JAMMALAMADUGU, YSR DISTRICT AND NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

NIL

DR. K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
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